

We thank Your Excellency for informing us that Her Majesty's Government has decided upon referring the Fishery question, along with other questions pending between the two countries, to a Joint Commission, to be named by Her Majesty's Government and the Government of the *United States*, and that on this Commission, *Canada* will be represented; and with Your Excellency, we trust that this mode of dealing with the various matters in controversy, will lead to their satisfactory adjustment. *Canada*, as Your Excellency states, urges no demand beyond those to which she is plainly entitled by Treaty and the law of nations; and we rejoice to learn that she has pushed no claim to an extreme assertion, and only sought to maintain the rights of her own people fairly and firmly, but in a friendly and considerate spirit, and with all due respect to foreign powers and international obligations.

We cordially agree with Your Excellency, in saying that the thanks of the Country are due to the Admiral on the Station and those under his command, for the valuable and efficient aid which they rendered to our Cruisers, during the past Season, in maintaining order and protecting the inshore Fisheries from encroachment.

We agree with Your Excellency in opinion that the prospect of the adoption of an International Currency seems, in the present state of Europe to be remote, and we thank Your Excellency for recommending us to consider the propriety of assimilating the Currency of the Dominion without further delay.

We beg leave to assure Your Excellency, that any measures which may be submitted to us, for the extension to *Manitoba* of the Militia and other Laws of the Dominion, and their adaptation to the present circumstances of that young Province, will receive our best attention.

We thank Your Excellency for informing us that the decennial Census will be taken on the third day of April next; that it is believed that a more thorough and accurate system has been adopted than any than has hitherto obtained, and that it may be necessary to amend the Act of last Session in some particulars.

We shall not fail to give an earnest and attentive consideration to the bills relating to Parliamentary Elections, Weights and Measures, Insurance Companies, Savings Banks, and for the consolidation and amendment of Inspection Laws, which Your Excellency is pleased to inform us will, among other measures, be presented to us.

We are grateful to Your Excellency for the assurance that you lay these various and weighty matters before us in full confidence that they will engage our mature attention, and we unite with Your Excellency in praying that the result of our deliberations may, with the Divine blessing, prove conducive in all respects to the advancement and happiness of the Country.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by such Members of this House as are Members of the Privy Council.

Then on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton (Kingston)*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Holmes*,

The House adjourned until Monday next at three o'clock in the afternoon.

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